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1. The large pumping station located about 800 to 900 meters south of the Lobau refinery is reportedly being enlarged. The station is capable of pumping raw petroleum to rail loading stations, including the Schwechat station, and to river tanker loading points. The station is completely underground and was constructed during World War II. On 27 and 28 March 1953, 200 workers were observed entering the pumping station area, which is surrounded by barbed wire. There are guards within the area and identification must be shown upon entering.
2. Reportedly the Korneuburg shipyard is being enlarged. Three large shops are under construction; one will be used for ship construction and one will be used as a machine shop. A large five-floor apartment building, which will house about 280 families, is also under construction.
3. The Danube River ship **BAYERN**, which was sunk during World War II near Hainburg close to the Austro-Hungarian border, has been raised and brought to the Korneuburg shipyard for salvage as Soviet property. The ship was once owned by a German Danube shipping firm. The ship is about 80 meters in length and has 1800 horsepower motors which are in excellent condition.
4. On 1 April 1953 barge 1002 was turned over to the SDGP (Soviet Danube Shipping Company). This new barge, which was just completed at the Korneuburg shipyard, is 83 meters long, 8.75 meters wide and completely welded.
5. On 2 April 1953 Meszhart (Hungarian-Soviet Shipping Company) received a new tanker, number 63, from the Korneuburg shipyard. It was towed to Vienna by the Meszhart ship **SZIGLIGET**.

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